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FIRST FAO CONFERENCE On October 16, the first conference of Food and Agriculture Organization will be held at Quebec, Canada. Twenty-six nations have now accepted its constitution and can send delegates to the conference. Notice of the conference has been sent to other governments, some of whom will probably agree to the constitution and send delegates.

The Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture will formally establish FAO and appoint the Director-General, after which it will be automatically dissolved. An initial program of work to be undertaken by FAO will be adopted by the Conference, the policy-making body of FAO. It will convene at least once a year and will have an executive committee of 9 to 15 members. Its international secretariat will carry on the technical work of the organization. A fact sheet on FAO is being prepared by the Interim Commission for wide distribution. Copies will probably be available next week in the Office of Information.

A plan of international collaboration to deal with the critical problem of the world's wood supply has been recommended to the Interim Commission by its technical committee on forestry and primary forest products. This plan, which it is estimated would give employment to millions of people, will probably be considered at the first conference.

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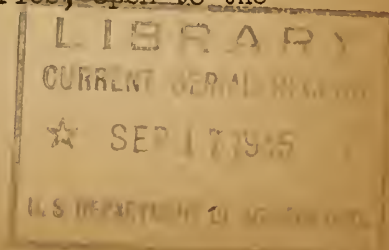
PMA FIELD SET-UP ANNOUNCED. . . . Effective September 1, new assignments in regard to functions and personnel of the Production and Marketing field offices have been announced. In 30 States, field operations previously conducted by the AAA and the Office of Supply are now placed under a PMA State Director, with an Assistant State Director as an associate.

In 18 States, separate offices for "production" and "marketing" programs are being continued. In these States the Chairman of the AAA State Committee, continuing to use this title, will be responsible for those operations related largely to production. He will perform essentially the same functions as formerly, with such changes and assignments as may be made from time to time. For further details on these new assignments and the names and addresses of the personnel involved see USDA press release 1682.

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MORE COMMUNITY CANNING INSPIRATION. . . . "The Victory Garden growing campaign may have lagged behind the records of previous years, but the processing interest among private families seems definitely up," according to the Garden Home Magazine of Portland, Ore. The number of people who will use one community cannery this year is estimated at 25,000, about 50 percent more than used it last year. Fourteen community canneries, open to the public, are operated under Federal aid in Oregon.

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ABUNDANT FOODS FOR OCTOBER. . . . Irish potatoes will continue plentiful. The 1945 crop--the third largest on record-- is estimated at 420,206,000 bushels. Of the supply of 25 million bushels more than the quantity needed for the 125-pound per capita consumption in the United States, it is desirable that as large a proportion as possible be utilized for human food. These late potatoes are suitable for winter storage...A sweetpotato crop of 67 million bushels is forecast for harvesting during September and October--also the period of largest consumption...Large quantities of domestic type cabbage will be available from a crop estimated at approximately 500,000 tons. One-fourth to one-third of the fall crop, exclusive of storage cabbage, may be used for sauerkraut, but most of the crop will be marketed fresh...The fall crop of Danish type cabbage, largely stored for late fall and winter use is expected to exceed last year's crop of 326,000 tons, as well as the 10-year average of 293,000 tons...Liberal supplies of locally grown vegetables will be available in most parts of the country.

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USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Pork loins, shoulders removed from set-aside--1662; Peanut butter subsidy payment reduced--1669; Civilians will have more canned salmon--1671; USDA removes all butterfat controls--1673; Forest fire toll halved in 1944--1677; Dehydrated vegetable set-aside order terminated--1679; PMA personnel and functional assignments by States announced--1682; Import controls relaxed--1692; Figures for participation in Federal crop insurance--1693.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Processor ceiling prices for vegetables announced--OPA-5859; September tire quotas--OPA-5832; Railroads carried record load of grain and grain products first 34 weeks of 1945--ODT-948; Mark-up on used fruit and vegetable containers--OPA-T-3638; Reduced canners' prices for sliced dried beef--OPA-T-3645; Revised cotton distribution order places most of the 134 fabrics it controlled on the free market--WPB-9008; Ceiling prices of 1945-46 crop dry edible beans will not be changed--OPA-5879.

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TRAINING FARM WORKERS. . . . Extension Service Farm Labor Circular No. 30, just released Entitled "Training Farm Workers," briefly reviews the various training activities and methods being employed successfully throughout the 48 States in increasing the productive output of agricultural workers, whether they are experienced workers undertaking an unfamiliar task or inexperienced workers. Notification copies have been sent to State Extension Directors and Editors. A list of reference material on the subject is also included in this 17-page booklet, copies of which can be obtained from the Office of Information.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . The Wheat Midge in the Pacific Northwest, Circ. No. 732, 8 p.; Alfalfa Varieties in the United States, Farmers' Bul. No. 1731, 17 p.

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SHARE THE FOOD DAY, SEPTEMBER 18. . . .In observance of Share the Food Day, September 18, a Starvation Luncheon at Town Hall in New York is being planned. The groups sponsoring this project are the Camp Fire Girls, Girl Reserves of the Y.W.C.A., Girl Scouts, Jewish Welfare Board, and the National Federation of Settlements. The various relief agencies for European and Asiatic countries are cooperating in Share the Food Day. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is chairman of the sponsoring committee and will address the meeting. Key officials of UNRRA, the Interim Commission on Food and Agriculture, and the Department of Agriculture will also speak at the luncheon.

Share the Food Day is being sponsored for three purposes: "to help feed children and adults in allied and liberated countries; to share with those who have suffered in the war; and to build greater understanding of the facts behind America's efforts to help feed those who face starvation" as expressed by Mrs. Roosevelt in her letter of invitation. Menus for the Starvation Luncheon, September 18, will consist of the maximum amount of food allowed any one citizen of liberated Europe or Asia today.

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INDUSTRIAL CUT-BACKS AND FARM LABOR. . . .State farm labor supervisors are reporting that very few people being released from industrial plants are willing to work on farms. Relaxation of Selective Service and stabilization of WMC since V-J Day have not helped the situation, they state. Only 71 workers were recruited as the result of \$250 spent by Connecticut farmers in advertising to fill an urgent need for 1,000 harvest workers. Spot announcements were also run on all Hartford radio stations through September 1 to help secure the workers, the state farm labor supervisor states. Reports from New York, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Kansas show that few men being laid off in war plants and other industries can be interested in farm work. Every possible effort should be made to remedy this situation to prevent harvest losses.

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PROPER FOOD FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS is the subject of a CONSUMER TIME dramatization for September 15, 12:15 p.m., EWT (NBC). How one of the leading aircraft manufacturers now reconverting to peacetime production sees that its employees get the right kind of lunches is told. "Your Kitchen Tomorrow" is the subject for the September 22 show.

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FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING! . . .As the garden part of Your Home and Garden show September 15, Ernie Moore and Duke DuMars will discuss planting and caring for spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, and iris. Ruth Van Deman will be on hand with homemaker news as usual.

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JOS. D. TONKIN, Formerly chief of the Office of Supply Radio Service, has during the past week joined the staff of the Radio Service of the Department's Office of Information.

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